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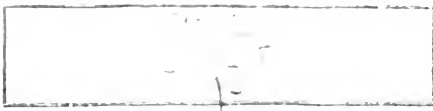


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The Palm Tree and The Poppy,
The one so trim and true,
The other just a little thing
The soft winds fluttered through.
They looked upon the ocean
That flung its salty breath,
They looked upon the mountains
Where snow and ice meant death,
"How happy" said the Palm Tree
"You and I should be",
"Between such avenues of death,
Those mountains and the sea",
The poppy then reflected
And tossed her golden head.
"If Death ride high, if Death ride low,
(I was thus the Poppy said)
And I should ride between
I naturally would then expect
The luster and the sheen
Of something very fine indeed
For Ice, and Cold, and Snow,
Must strike a balance somewhere else---
And THAT'S the road WE go."

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